

## ABSTRACT

The proximal actuator is operable with various medical devices which have one tube or wire axially movable with respect to another tube or wire (e.g., a guide wire operable within an actuation sleeve). The actuator includes a deployment handle which is transversely or laterally (not axially) removably attachable. The actuator includes first retaining device (e.g., spring clip grip) removably attachable to the actuation sleeve and second retaining device removably attachable to the wire member. The second retainer moves relative to the first retainer such that the sleeve slides over the wire thereby moving a medical device at the distal end of the system. The handle may have a grip and a sleeve defining an aperture and a sliding member in the sleeve. The slide member is rotatably mounted to one retainer and is threadably mounted to the other retainer such that upon rotation, one moves with respect to the other.

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